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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER OF JUSTICE ABDUL MAJID

1. MY FIRST PROTOCOL CALL ON DR. MAJID ON DECEMBER 1 CONTAINED A FEW NUGGETS. DR. MAJID WAS, AS ANTICIPATED, EXTRAORDINARILY FRIENDLY, STRESSING HIS LONG RESIDENCE IN US, HIS GREAT FRIENDSHIP FOR US, AND HIS CONVICTION THAT DAOUD REGIME WOULD PROVE TO BE BETTER FRIEND FOR US THAT ITS PREDECESSORS. HE TOOK SOME PAINS TO REBUT STORIES OF EXCESSIVE RUSSIAN OR COMMUNIST INFLUENCE, SAYING " YOU CAN BE SURE I WOULD NOT BE IN THIS GOVERNMENT IF IT WERE NOT A COMPLETELY AFGHAN REGIME. I CAN ASSURE YOU WE HAVE NOT FOUGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE FOR CENTURIES TO YIELD IT UP LIGHTLY."

2. DR. MAJID ALSO POINTEDLY STRESSED DAOUD'S COMPLETE AUTHORITY OVER CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND PARTICULARLY OVER ITS YOUNGERMILITARY MEMBERS. HIS STRESS ON THIS POINT WAS TACIT
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF STORIES WHICH CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE AND

ARE UNDOUBTEDLY GALLING ABOUT ALLEGED DISSENSION WITHIN
RULING GROUP.

3. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT US EMBASSY, OTHER WESTERN EMBASSIES
AND "EVEN THE RUSSIANS" HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT REDUCED
CONTACTS WITH KEY AFGHAN OFFICIALS, DR. MAJID ASKED THAT WE
BE PATIENT FOR TWO OR THREE MORE MONTHS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT,
UNLIKE SITUATION IN PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS, MINISTERS AND
OTHER KEY OFFICIALS ARE CURRENTLY PREOCCUPIED WITH MAJOR
INTERNAL RESTRUCTURING OF GOVERNMENT AND "IN ACCUSTOMING
PEOPLE TO NEW REPUBLICAN ORDER AFTER SO MANY GENERATIONS OF
MONARCHY." HE MADE A GOOD DEAL OF THIS POINT, TACITLY
ADMITTING THAT SERIOUS INTERNAL PROBLEMS STILL EXIST IN GAINING
FULL ACCEPTANCE FOR DAOUD REGIME.

4. AS I LEFT HE PARTICULARLY URGED ME TO CONSULT HIM ON ANY
PROBLEMS BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS AND TO USE HIM AS AN
INFORMAL CHANNEL TO THE PRESIDENT WHERE THAT MIGHT BE
HELPFUL.

5. DR. MAJID IMPRESSED ME AS A SINCERE AND USEFUL FRIEND OF
US. IT IS NOT AS CLEAR, HOWEVER, WHETHER HE CAN BE AN
INFLUENTIAL CHANNEL TO DAOUD.
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